

SCOTTSDALE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AMENDED AGENDA



COUNCIL

Mary Manross, Mayor

Wayne Ecton

Robert W. Littlefield

Cynthia Lukas

Ned O'Hearn

David Ortega

Tom Silverman

Monday, September 15, 2003

5:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order – City Hall Kiva Forum, 3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard – 5:05 P.M.

Roll Call – **ALL PRESENT**

Public Comment – JANE WHITE – STATED HER OPPOSITION TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROPOSED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Citizens may complete one speaker/citizen comment card per night and submit it to the City Clerk before or during this evening's meeting. Please check the box that refers to "public comment." This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. No official Council action can be taken on these items.

Special Meeting *Item 1*** - MOTION TO PLACE THE STRAIGHT SIX DISTRICT WITH AS A YES OR NO QUESTION ON THE MARCH BALLOT – OK – 6/1 (M.M.)**

COUNCIL PROVIDED DIRECTION TO STAFF THAT IF THE DISTRICT SYSTEM IS APPROVED BY VOTERS, THE FIRST ELECTION BY DISTRICTS SHOULD BE HELD IN 2006; THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE CHANGES RELATING TO DISTRICTING AND PLACED AN AGENDA FOR A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; THE OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL SEPARATELY TARGETING THE MAY BALLOT FOR THE ADDITIONAL CITY CHARTER CHANGES.

*****1. Proposals to Amend the Scottsdale Charter:**

- 1. Altering the way the Mayor and City Council are elected, based on the District Advisory Task Force's recommendations.**
- 2. Updating language/procedures relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of City Council or Mayor.**

Requests:

- Consideration of the Council-appointed District Advisory Task Force's recommendation to refer to the March 9, 2004 ballot an item to amend the Scottsdale Charter to provide for a "straight six" district system to elect City Council members. Within this six-district system, the Mayor would continue to be elected at large. The City Council may also consider referring other forms of district systems and/or consider alternate election dates, i.e. May 18, 2004, Sept. 7, 2004, or November 2, 2004. Twelve of the 14 Task Force members recommended that a "straight six" charter amendment item be placed on the March 9, 2004 ballot for consideration by Scottsdale voters.
- Per the request of Councilman Robert Littlefield, review and consideration of draft language to be included on the ballot to amend the Scottsdale Charter to provide for a new "straight

six” election system.

- Per the request of Councilman Wayne Ecton, review and consideration of draft language to be included on the ballot to amend the Scottsdale Charter to provide updated procedures related to vacancies in the office of City Council or Mayor.

Related Policies, References: May 2003 Council District Advisory Task Force Reports; Art. 2, Section 2 of the Scottsdale Charter, which currently provides for six councilmen to be elected at-large; Federal Voting Rights Act; and Art. 2, Section 11 of the Scottsdale Charter, which currently describes procedures for filling vacancies of the offices of Mayor and City Council.

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Public Comment - NONE

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City Manager’s Report - NONE

Mayor and Council Items – COUNCILWOMAN LUKAS SUGGESTED THAT A WORKSTUDY SESSION BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

COUNCILMAN ORTEGA THANKED BILL HEARD FOR SPONSORING A CONCERT SERIES AT EL DORADO. HE SUGGESTED THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO MR. HEARD EXPRESSING THE CITY’S APPRECIATION FOR THEIR GENEROSITY.

Adjournment – 7:18 P.M.